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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ISSUES TO
COME UP AT MARCH CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1. AT MARCH 8-9 DAC MEETING ON AID TO AGRICULTURE,
FOLLOWING ITEMS RELEVANT TO UPCOMING DEVELOPMENT COMMIS-
SION DISCUSSION OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CAME UP: SWEDISH
REP TOOK OCCASION TO OUTLINE FOUR OBJECTIVES SWEDEN
WOULD PURSUE IN UPCOMING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
DISCUSSION OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE:

(A) EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL
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(B) ACCEPTANCE OF PRACTICE OF FORWARD PLANNING OF FOOD

AID THROUGH ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUANTITY TARGETS ON ROLLING 3 YEAR BASIS (WHILE US MENTIONED CURRENT PRACTICE OF ANNOUNCING FOOD AID GRAIN TONNAGES TO BE PROGRAMMED FOR NEXT YEAR, US AND UK EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FOOD AID SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED PERMANENT FEATURE OF AID PROGRAMS AND WARNED RE DISINCENTIVE EFFECTS ON LDC FOOD PRODUCTION OF PUBLIC FORWARD COMMITMENT BY DONORS TO FIXED FOOD AID LEVELS. THERE WAS ALSO DIFFERENCE OF VIEW EXPRESSED BY US AND SWEDEN ON APPROPRIATE FOOD AID TERMS, WITH SWEDEN CALLING FOR FOOD AID ON GRANT BASIS ONLY).

(C) ESTABLISHMENT OF 500,000 TON EMERGENCY RESERVES UNDER WFP AUSPICES; AND

(D) ENERGIZING OF IFAD NEGOTIATION.

2. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT AT MEETING ON PRIORITY ON INCREASING LDC FOOD PRODUCTION AND EMPHASIS ON NECESSITY OF LDC EFFORTS TO DO SO, WITH GERMANY AND JAPAN TAKING HARDEST LINE ON LDC SELF-RELIANCE.

3. DUTCH DEL PROPOSED THAT DAC CHAIRMAN REPORT ON DAC DISCUSSION (SEE SEPTEL) TO NORTH/SOUTH GROUP AND THAT MEETING DOCUMENTS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO G-5 FOR USE DURING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION DISCUSSION. HE SUGGESTED THAT SECRETARIAT TAKE EXTRACTS FROM MAIN DOCUMENT (DAC (76)1, PRESUMABLY LIMITED TO FACTUAL DATA ON AID LEVELS, ETC., WHICH G-5 COULD CONSIDER TABLING IN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.
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